



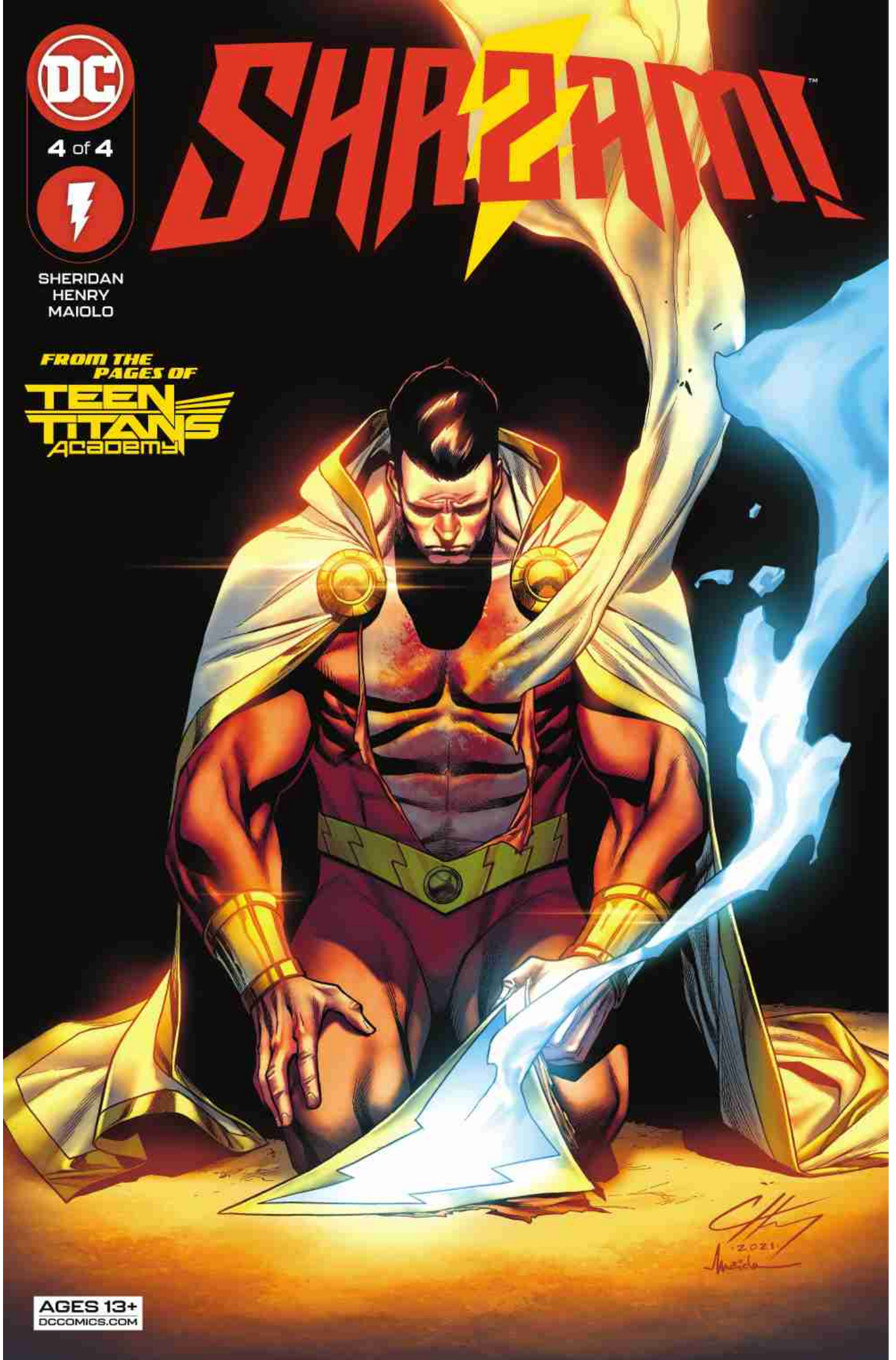
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FROM THE
PAGES OF
**TEEN
TITANS**
Academy

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CATWOMAN LONELY CITY

IN A WORLD
WITHOUT
BATMAN...
WILL SELINA
KYLE'S
OLD WOUNDS
TEAR GOTHAM
APART?

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A 4-ISSUE PRESTIGE
PLUS MASTERPIECE
OCTOBER





BLACK
ADAM.

YOU'VE...
HAD SOME
WORK DONE.

UNLESS
THIS IS A
TRICK?

SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.



IT'S NO TRICK--
BUT THE STORY IS FAR
LONGER THAN THE
TIME WE HAVE.

I AM ADAM...
JUST NOT AS
YOU NOW KNOW
HIM.



TRY AND
KEEP UP.



HOLY
MOL--

--AW,
S@%*
IT--

--HOLY
\$#&%.

A MILLION YEARS FROM NOW... THE END OF ALL CREATION.

I WAS ONE OF THE LAST TO STAND AGAINST THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE UNKINDNESS... A BEING OF PUREST MALEVOLENCE THAT RAVAGED ALL OF TIME AND TIDE, INSATIABLY CONSUMING EVERY THREAD OF EXISTENCE.

YOU'RE FROM THE FUTURE...!

THE FUTURE'S DEAD WHERE I'M FROM... THERE'S ONLY THE END.

WE FOUGHT AS LONG AS WE COULD... AND WHEN THE WIZARD FELL--

HE FELL?!

--WITH HIS LAST OUNCE OF STRENGTH, HE GUIDED ME HERE, INTO THE ROCK, INTO THIS TIME AND, IT WOULD SEEM, THIS YOUTHFUL FORM.

I COULD NOT KNOW THAT MY JOURNEY HERE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SO MUCH DESTRUCTION... AND FOR ETERNITY'S STEEP FALL INTO THE DEPTHS OF FIERY DESPAIR.

WHY NOW? WITH ALL OF EXISTENCE LAID OUT BEFORE YOU, WHY DID THE WIZARD SEND YOU HERE NOW?

BECAUSE THIS IS WHEN IT HAPPENS, BILLY--WHEN THEY... WHEN SHE... HAPPENS.

MISS RAVEN? WHAT DOES...?

...WAIT, WHY AM I CARRYING HER INTO THE ROCK? AND WHO ARE THE OTHERS?

THE FOUR RIDERS OF THE APOCALYPSE.

ESCORTED INTO TIME, ANY MOMENT, BY THE HEIR TO THE DARK REALM, THE SON OF THE UNDERLORD--

AFTER THE BOY IS GONE, THE RIDERS WILL POSSESS FOUR OTHERS--THEY WILL DECIMATE THE EARTH--

--UNTIL, IN A LAST, DESPERATE ATTEMPT, RAVEN WILL TETHER THE DEMONS' BOUNDLESS ENERGY TO HERSELF--AND YOU, BILLY, WILL IMPRISON HER HERE, IN THE ROCK...

DANE!

SOMEHOW, SOMETHING DEEP WITHIN HIM WILL BE AWAKENED.

Ummm, COULD IT BE VISITING HELL FOR THE FIRST TIME AND EMBRACING HIS DEMONIC HERITAGE IN ORDER TO HELP ME?

IF SO, CONSIDER HIM WOKE.

...UNTIL THE DAY YOU BECOME RESPONSIBLE FOR HER FATEFUL ESCAPE.

NERON. SO THIS IS WHAT HE WAS GETTING AT.

HE WILL JOIN HER IN HER INFINITE QUEST TO DEVOUR ALL THINGS, UNTIL HE, LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE, IS ENSNARED BY HER JAGGED CLAW.

HANG ON... ARE YOU SAYING I'M GONNA BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE APOCALYPSE?!

AND WORSE.

...I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD.

ALL OF THIS WAS SEEN IN FUTURE STATE TEEN TITANS, SHAZAM AND BLACK ADAM. --COTTON

TOWARDS THE PEBBLED SHORE

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SHAZAM! WITH A SINGLE MAGIC WORD, THE POWERS OF SIX ANCIENT GODS--THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON, THE STRENGTH OF HERCULES, THE STAMINA OF ATLAS, THE POWER OF ZEUS, THE COURAGE OF ACHILLES, AND THE SPEED OF MERCURY--ARE PLACED IN THE HANDS OF TEENAGE BILLY BATSON, TRANSFORMING HIM INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!

SHAZAM!
CREATED BY
BILL PARKER &
C.C. BECK



--WHEN IT WAS **DISPLACED**, THE SHEER FORCE OF THE IMPACT THREW OPEN THE DOORS THAT CONTAINED THE GREAT EVILS IMPRISONED WITHIN.

CONTAINED?! WITH A **D?! PAST TENSE?!!**

YOU'RE SAYING EVERY PRISONER IN THE ROCK OF ETERNITY **ESCAPED?!!**

NO... MORE LIKE THEY WERE **FREED.**

THEY'RE **OUT?!!**



THEY **WERE** OUT--WHEN I ARRIVED HERE MANY MONTHS AGO.



BUT IN THAT TIME, I HAVE **HUNTED** AND RE-CAGED NEARLY ALL OF THEM.

I LIKE TO KEEP **BUSY.**



YOU DID ALL THAT...BY YOURSELF...

ADAM-- WHERE'S THE WIZARD?

NOT YOUR FUTURE WIZARD THAT FELL... MY WIZARD.

THEY ARE... WERE...ONE AND THE SAME.

HE WAS A LEGENDARILY POWERFUL SORCERER WHO LIVED OUTSIDE THE CONFINES OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SPACE AND TIME.

...BEFORE HE FELL.



OKAY, WELL...I MAY NOT BE A POWERFUL SORCERER OR A MILLION YEARS OLD, BUT...IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN HOW COULD HE HAVE FALLEN?

I MEAN-- IF THE WIZARD EXISTS OUTSIDE THE CONFINES OF NORMAL SPACE-TIME, THEN COULDN'T HE STILL BE ALIVE SOMEHOW? SOMEWHERE?



I CAN'T BELIEVE I FORGOT.

FORGOT WHAT?

ALL THAT UNRESERVED OPTIMISM... BILLY BATSON'S SUPERPOWER.

IF ONLY YOU COULD SHARE SOME OF THAT WITH THE REST OF US.

YEAH, WELL, SHARING SUPERPOWERS ISN'T REALLY MY THING AT THE MOMENT...

I THINK WHEN THE WIZARD--AND THE ROCK--FELL, MY ABILITIES WENT HAYWIRE.

EVEN NOW, I CAN FEEL THEM FAILING. BUT I'LL FIX IT...I HAVE TO.



OH, HOW I'VE MISSED THIS!



I...GUESS WE DO HAVE A LOT TO CATCH UP ON.



...DID YOU SAY YOU RE-CAGED "NEARLY" ALL THE ESCAPED EVILS?

RUN.



SO, PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER:
I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR FREDDY
BEING IN THE HOSPITAL...



...I'M RESPONSIBLE
FOR DANE'S DEMONIC
"AWAKENING"...

--WHICH ALSO
HAPPENS TO BE THE
START OF THE ACTUAL
APOCALYPSE...



...AND I'M
RESPONSIBLE FOR
MS. RAVEN TURNING INTO
A MONSTER WHO WILL,
IN A MILLION YEARS, DEVOUR
EVERYTHING IN EXISTENCE
AND END REALITY AS
WE KNOW IT.



ANYTHING
ELSE I'M GONNA
BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR?



A
S#*#-TON OF
MURDERS.



WHAT?!



I JUST WANTED
TO FIX STUFF,
THAT'S ALL.

PUT THE
ROCK BACK IN ITS
RIGHTFUL PLACE,
RESTORE MY POWER
SO I CAN SHARE IT
WITH MY FRIENDS,
FINISH SCHOOL,
GROW UP, MAYBE
START MY OWN
JUSTICE LEAGUE
BRANCH--

YOU WILL!
IN DETROIT.



...BUT YOU'LL
KILL A BUNCH OF
THEM,
TOO.



IN THE
FUTURE?

NO...
A FUTURE.

WHAT, BECAUSE
'NOTHING'S WRITTEN
IN STONE' AND
'TOMORROW'S UP
TO US'?

THE HOPE IS THAT
MY BRINGING YOU THIS
WARNING HAS ALREADY
ALTERED THE STATE OF
THE FUTURE.

NOPE!
SEEN THAT MOVIE!
TIME-TRAVEL ALWAYS
GOES THE SAME
WAY--YOU END UP
CAUSING THE FUTURE
YOU'RE TRYING
TO PREVENT.



ADAM--
WHAT ARE
WE RUNNING
FROM?

DUTY?
RESPONSIBILITY?
BEING LOVED?
I'VE ASKED
MYSELF THIS
QUESTION FOR
MILLENN--



NO, DUDE--
WHAT ARE
WE LITERALLY
RUNNING AWAY
FROM RIGHT
NOW?!

PRIDE.



I'M SERIOUS,
ADAM! TELL ME
THE NAME OF
THE CREATURE
THAT'S--

GROWL



PRIDE?!

ACTUAL
PRIDE?!

THE DEADLIEST
OF THE SEVEN DEADLY
ENEMIES, WHOSE NAME
IS PRIDE?!

THAT'S
WHAT
I SAID--
PRIDE!

AND IT'S GOT
WEIRD NEW POWERS,
SO DON'T LET IT
TOUCH YOU.

HOW LONG
DO YOU THINK
THIS GLASS WILL
HOLD?

ETERNITY?



MAYBE
LESS.







TEDDY! SURE! OKAY, TEDDY--LET ME EXPLAIN TO YOU WHY THIS IS NO TIME TO BE CASUAL.

THE PEOPLE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT--FREDDY...DANE...MS. RA--RACHEL...

THEY'RE MY FRIENDS.



AND JUST LOOK AT ME.

NO STRENGTH, NO SPARKLE FINGERS... NO WISDOM, THAT'S FOR SURE.

HOW CAN I SAVE THEM LIKE THIS?

GROW UP.



WHY DOES EVERYBODY KEEP TELLING ME TO--

OF COURSE YOU CAN'T SAVE THEM LIKE THIS!

BUT YOU ARE GOING TO SAVE THEM. AND I'M GOING TO HELP.



HOW?

EASIEST THING IN THE UNICOSM...YOU'VE DONE IT A THOUSAND TIMES BEFORE.

SAY HIS NAME, BILLY.

SAY IT WITH ME. SAY SHA--



**I'M
BACK!**

I CAN
FEEL IT...
ALL THE POWER--
EVEN MORE...!

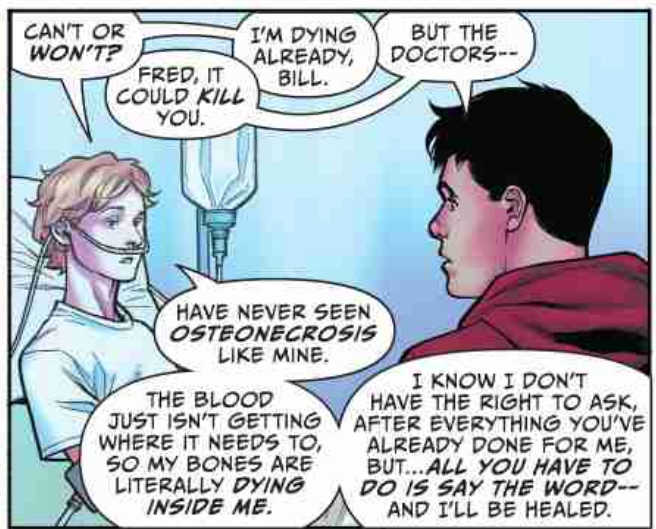
THIS IS
WHAT THE
WIZARD GAVE
YOU?!

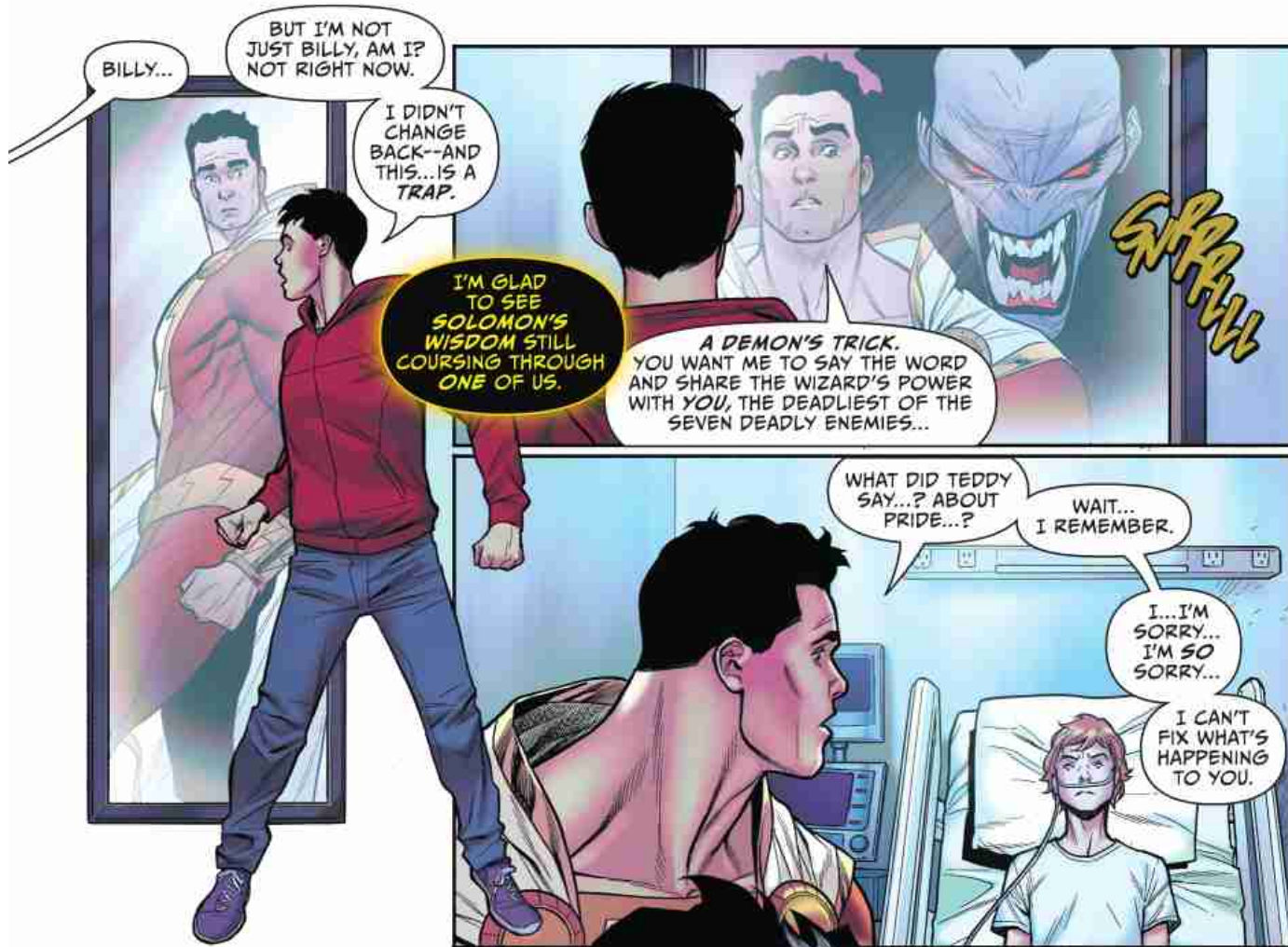
HE'D HAVE
GIVEN IT TO
YOU IF HE
COULD.











BILLY...

BUT I'M NOT JUST BILLY, AM I? NOT RIGHT NOW.

I DIDN'T CHANGE BACK--AND THIS...IS A TRAP.

I'M GLAD TO SEE SOLOMON'S WISDOM STILL COURSEING THROUGH ONE OF US.

A DEMON'S TRICK. YOU WANT ME TO SAY THE WORD AND SHARE THE WIZARD'S POWER WITH YOU, THE DEADLIEST OF THE SEVEN DEADLY ENEMIES...

SNARL

WHAT DID TEDDY SAY...? ABOUT PRIDE...?

WAIT... I REMEMBER.

I...I'M SORRY... I'M SO SORRY...

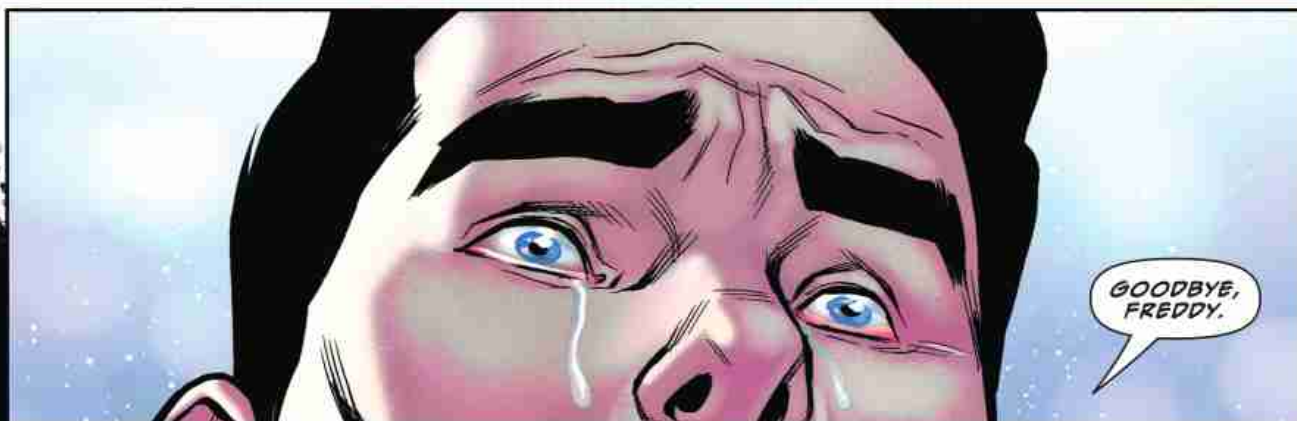
I CAN'T FIX WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU.



I CAN'T SAVE YOU.

AND I CAN'T JUST KEEP AVOIDING IT, FIGHTING IT, ANYMORE.

IT'S TIME TO MOVE PAST PRIDE... I HAVE TO LET YOU GO... I HAVE TO SAY--



GOODBYE, FREDDY.



GET
YOUR HANDS
OFF HIM!



TEDDY?



WELL,
LOOK
WHO'S
AWAKE.

GSSNNNNKRRRT RLLLLL



GK

RAAGH

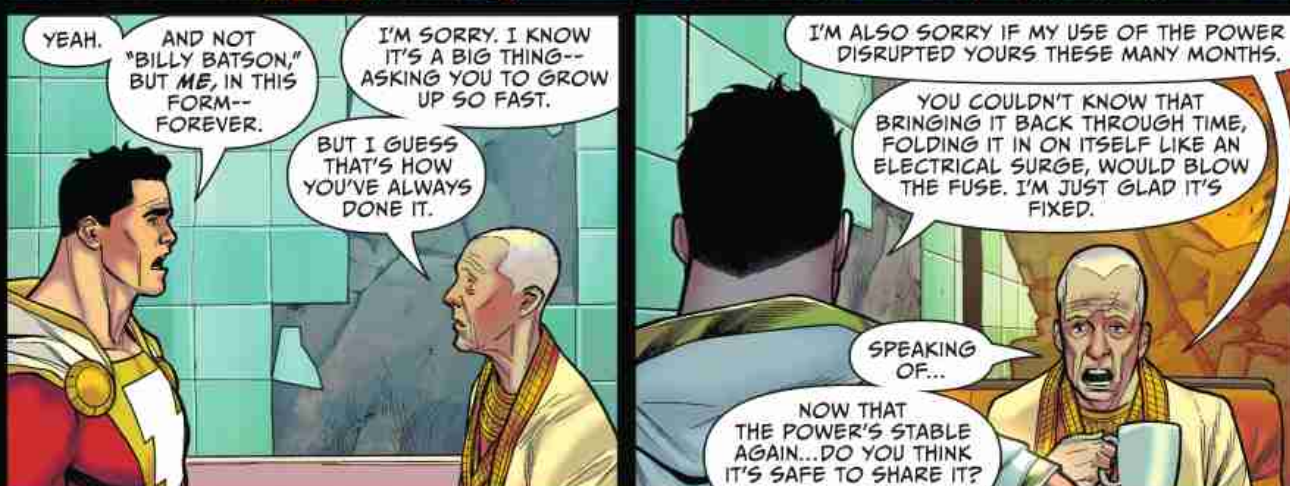


TOOK
YOU LONG
ENOUGH.



YEAH.

YEAH,
I GUESS
IT DID.



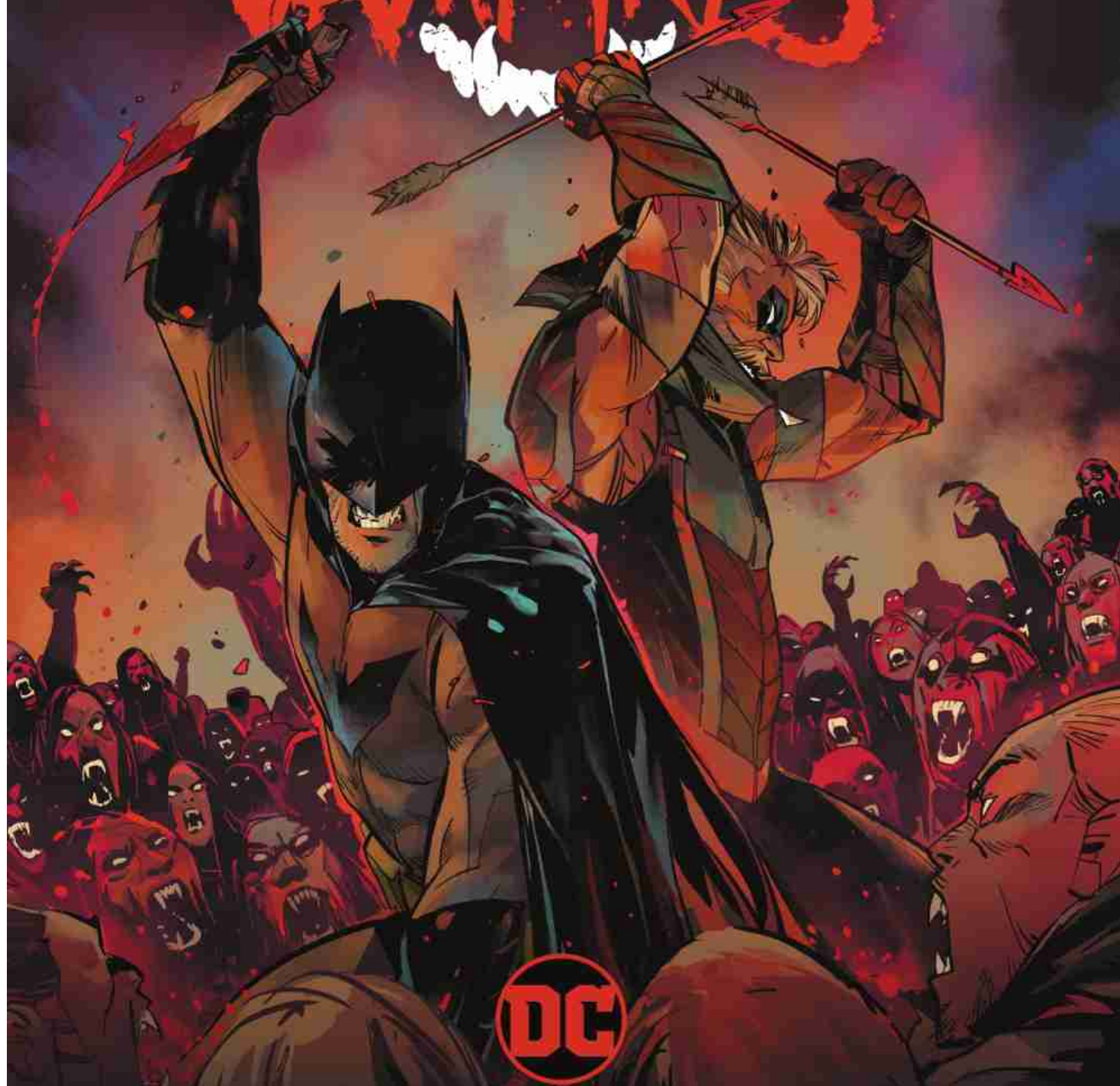




THE STORY CONTINUES IN
TEEN TITANS
Academy #8
ON SALE IN NOVEMBER!

**THE WAR FOR EARTH ISN'T JUST
BEGINNING...IT'S ALREADY HERE!**

DC
VS.
VAMPIRES



Written by **JAMES TYNION IV** and **MATTHEW ROSENBERG** | Art by **OTTO SCHMIDT**

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TASK FORCE Z

INTERVIEW WITH MATTHEW ROSENBERG

Red Hood charges in with a team of Gotham's greatest undead villains in *Task Force Z*, from writer Matthew Rosenberg and artist Eddy Barrows.

WHAT WAS SOME UNDEAD HORROR INSPIRATION YOU DELVED INTO BEFORE WRITING THIS SERIES?

I've always been a huge fan of zombie movies! Obviously, filmmakers like George A. Romero and Lucio Fulci were extremely influential. However, I also love when a movie can totally upend everything we know about the genre.

In terms of comics, *iZombie* and *DCeased* are both books that I love and revisited for this. We're trying to stay true to the genre, but also do something incredibly unique.

EDDY BARROWS LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAVING WAY TOO MUCH FUN DRAWING THIS BOOK...ANY CHANCE HE'S SOME SORT OF UNDEAD ART ZOMBIE?

Eddy was born to draw stuff like this. He's making one of the most beautiful yet horrific comics I've ever seen. He's channeling everything from Bernie Wrightson to Jack Davis in the most beautiful ways.

RED HOOD HAS HAD A...LET'S CALL IT "WEIRD" RELATIONSHIP WITH DEATH OVER THE YEARS. HOW DOES HIS PAST INFORM HOW HE LEADS A TEAM OF DEAD VILLAINS?

Jason's history is something that informs everything he does. He's probably the ideal candidate to lead this team, as he knows how dark and painful resurrection can be. However, he's also not someone who has a lot of compassion for the wicked...or himself. Leading this team will be a struggle for him.



CAN YOU TEASE A PARTICULAR SCENE THAT'S GOING TO CREEP FANS OUT?

The last page of the first issue when Jason finds out what his team is really capable of. In a lot of ways, this book is a battle between the human and the monstrous sides of each team member. The last page shows us that it might not be the human side that comes out on top.

WHICH TASK FORCE Z MEMBER IS SURPRISINGLY THE MOST FUN TO WRITE AND WHY?

Man-Bat. I guess that's not really that surprising. He's a giant zombie bat monster. That's just about as fun as it gets in comics!

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS BOOK IN ONE WORD THAT STARTS WITH THE LETTER Z?

"Zugzwang." It sums up Jason's whole arc in this series perfectly.

**DON'T MISS
TASK FORCE Z #1
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